

REMARKS

Claims 12, 15, 18, 22-23, and 253 have been amended. Claims 13-14 and 24 have been cancelled. Claims 12, 15-23, and 25 are pending and under consideration.

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion and in view of the present amendment, is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §103

The Examiner rejected claims 12, 22-23, and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0202303, issued to Costa-Requena (hereinafter referred to as "Costa-Requena") in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,536,705 to Boucher et al. (hereinafter referred to as "Boucher").

In view of the foregoing amendments, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 12, for example, is directed to a method for establishment of a communication link from a first telecommunication device of a first subnetwork to a second telecommunication device of a second subnetwork via a gateway connecting the first subnetwork and the second subnetwork and has been amended to recite:

sending a connection establishment message with a data object, which is allocated to a first subscriber, to the gateway in order to establish the communication link;

storing, by the gateway, the data object on a data provision component;

transmitting a call signaling message, from the gateway via the second subnetwork, to the second telecommunication device providing reference information which refers to the data provision component on which the data object of the first subscriber has been stored;

signaling the data provision component from the second telecommunication device by using the reference information a request that the data provision component transmit the data object, which is allocated to the first subscriber, to the second telecommunication device;

transmitting the data object from the data provision component to the second telecommunication device; and

playing the data object at the second telecommunication device.

Each of independent claims 22-23 and 25 have also been amended to recite similar features.

As recited, each of the independent claims creates a flexible option for establishing a communication link in which the calling subscriber has control over the data objects transmitted during call signaling and, more specifically, to create that option over network borders (for example, between subscribers belonging to different subnetworks and subnetworks with different signaling protocols).

It is respectfully submitted that each of these features of amended independent claims 12, 22-23, and 25 are not taught by or made obvious in view of the combination of Costa-Requena and Boucher.

Since the combination of Costa-Requena and Boucher does not teach or make obvious all of the features of each of amended claims 12, 22-23, and 25, it is respectfully submitted that claims 12, 22-23, and 25, patentably distinguish over the combination of Costa-Requena and Boucher.

Claims 15-21 depend from claim 1 and include all of the features of claim 12, plus additional features not disclosed in the cited prior art, including Donnelly and Ahmavaara. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 15-21 also patentably distinguish over the cited prior art.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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